

JUST GOSSIP ABOUT PEOPLE

Branch of Red Cross Shows Splendid Returns in New Memberships — Miss Tunis Married on Saturday—A Yielding to Temptation

IT'S quite wonderful what enormous increases have been made in the memberships of the various auxiliaries of the Red Cross during the Christmas drive.

The suffragist dressing class of the Huntington Valley did wonderful work in answering the demand recently made for dressings by December 20:4592 dressings were provided when only 2500 were asked for.

UNDER the direction of Mrs. Fred Morris, the Wynote class did splendid work also. Because of the constantly increasing demand for surgical dressings the branch has secured new quarters and started in on Yorks in McDowell's new building on Old York road in Jenkintown the day after Christmas.

Beginning early in the new year there is to be an arrangement for evening classes at these, with the dates and hours to be announced later. The office of the Red Cross will remain in its present quarters and the sewing classes will continue to meet in the Jenkintown Club.

More than \$400 was raised in the recent drive and \$20 was given by the caddie boys of the Huntington Valley Club at their Christmas dinner.

NANCY TUNIS was married on Saturday to Ross Whittier, of Boston, and the wedding took place in town. The Tunises live in Media, you know, and it was pretty hard to get out there in this kind of weather, so they decided to be married in town at the Belgravia. Nancy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Tunis, you know, and a niece of Mrs. Perot Bissell, Mrs. Robert N. Willson and Bob and Stewart Wurts. She came out here last winter. Her engagement to Lieutenant Whittier was announced last spring, and it was decided recently to have the wedding now instead of later in the winter, as was first intended.

WITH the best of intentions she started for a missionary meeting, but unfortunately on the road to this spiritual haven she came face to face with temptation, this time in the form of a moving-picture theatre. The posters vividly portrayed allurements to be found within and she read the name of her favorite actor on the billboard. This was more than human nature could bear, and I regret to say that as she, to whom certain years should have given discretion, gazed upon the picture all thought of the faraway Indian missionaries, who needed winter flannels, vanished. She hesitated, and as you know the old saw—was lost. To defy conscience further and because she was a bit near-sighted, she trailed down to the very first row, thankful that as the theatre was not full she need not remove her bonnet. But oh, the wages of sin! She had no sooner seated herself as comfortably as possible and put on her indoor glasses than she noticed a calamity.

A hideous black shadow moved fantastically across the film. Now it blotted out the sweet young face of the heroine and now the "villain's" emotions were concealed from view. It even dared to pass on that shining countenance that had led her from the path of duty and righteousness! This was retribution, but she was proud and sat stolidly looking on, though the shadow spared neither love scenes nor plots.

Being a little deaf, she heard no one approach, but in time became conscious that she was being addressed, and looking up saw an usher gazing at her with wrath in his eye.

"Madame, you are causing great annoyance here this afternoon," said he.

"This was too much and she drew herself up haughtily.

"And may I say that I am being greatly annoyed by this shadow?" This must be a very poor film!

"I think, madame, if you will look again you will see that the shadow is being caused by the feather on your bonnet, which we always expect our patrons to remove," said the sarcastic usher.

And then remorse came upon our friend. With belated anxiety for the poor, cold Indian ministers, she got up and left the theatre, calling herself a sentimental old fool and vowing that never again would she yield to temptation when on her way to missionary meetings.

NANCY WYNNE.

Social Activities

Lieutenant Mortimer P. Crane, of the Royal Flying Corps, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thegon I. Crane, of Germantown.

The invitations for January 1 and 15, issued by Mr. and Mrs. Albert Eggert, of 115 West Gorgas lane, Germantown, have been recalled, and the receptions indefinitely postponed on account of the serious illness of Mrs. Eggert's father, Mr. Daniel J. Du Bois.

Mrs. Howard A. David, of 105 South Twenty-first street, will give a party at the skating carnival for the Red Cross at the Palace rink on Wednesday afternoon. The party will be given for Miss Frances Ross and Miss Elizabeth Ross, daughters of Mrs. George G. Ross, and the guests will be members of the younger set.

Miss Anna McFadden, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles McFadden, of 4032 Walnut street, is home from Eden Hall for the vacation.

Mr. Charles McFadden 2d has returned to Camp Hancock after a brief furlough spent with his parents.

day evening by Mrs. George Chase at the home of Mrs. Charles F. Schroeder, 2408 North Broad street. Mrs. William Bowers was of great assistance to Mrs. Chase in making the affair a success. The mite fund for the Red Cross which was started by the donors, who donated a silver quarter was enriched to the extent of more than five dollars.

Corporal Lewis Bucks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Bucks, of 2263 North Park avenue, spent the holidays with his parents. He has returned to camp at Houston, Tex.

Miss Kathryn M. Countryman, of 2310 North Thirteenth street, entertained her class of the Sisters of Mercy Academy on Friday afternoon with an attractive yuletide party. Among those present were:

Miss Kathryn Zentgraf, Miss Kathryn O'Connor, Miss Mary Foley, Miss Constance Magee, Miss Margaret Moore, Miss Inez Fitzpatrick, Miss Marjorie McGenty, Miss Anna Shuster, Miss Kathryn Kane, Miss Anna Haskin, Miss Kathryn Devine, Miss Virginia Powell, Miss Regina Winfield, Miss Virginia Baker, Miss Margaret Brewer, Miss Dorothy Hamilton, Miss Kathleen Hamilton, Miss Margaret Ross, Miss Florence Schaffer, Miss Royden Schaffer, Miss Ruth Howlett, Miss Miriam Howlett.

At a luncheon on Friday Mr. and Mrs. F. J. O'Donnell, of Oak Lane, announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Marie F. O'Donnell, to Mr. John F. Bimbrauer, also of Oak Lane. The guests included: Miss Hazel Box, Miss Mildred Beer, Miss Marie Callahan, Miss Rita Conroy, Miss Margaret Doyle, Miss Beanie Dwyon, Miss Alice Keene, Miss Florence Lyle, Miss Ethel M. O'Donnell, Miss Beanie O'Donnell, Miss Marion O'Neill, Miss Rosemary O'Neill, Miss Edna Vernon and Miss Lillian Kirshman.

Mrs. John Rommel, of 1313 Pine street, is spending the holidays at Camp Hancock, Ga., as the guest of her son, Lieutenant J. Willis Rommel and Private Warren Montgomery Rommel, of the headquarters staff. Mrs. Rommel will remain in the South for six weeks visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Lamond, 1233 South Fifty-seventh street, entertained at dinner in honor of their guests, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Hutchinson, of New York. Mr. and Mrs. G. Bertram Regar were among those present.

Miss Agnes Haggarty, of Woodland terrace, and Miss Gertrude Bachler, of 6029 Carpenter street, will spend the week-end in New York. They will return to this city after New Year's day.

Mr. and Mrs. John La Mott, of 1516 Christian street, are receiving congratulations upon the birth of a son.

Mr. and Mrs. D. McLaughlin, 3707 Locust street, will entertain at their home on New Year's Day in honor of their guests, who will be home on a furlough from Camp Dix.

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January 17 will be authors' night, and this being an extraordinary occasion the meeting will take place in Witherspoon Hall. Mrs. Lewis R. Dick is president. The honorary vice presidents include Mrs. Edward E. Coates, Miss Emily Sartain, Mrs. Wilfred Lewis, Mrs. John Clarence Lee, Mrs. John B. Roberts and Mr. Charles Wharton Stork. The executive officers and staff are: Secretary, Mr. Francis J. MacBeth, Jr.; treasurer, Mr. H. Percival Allen, Mrs. Otto Charles Broderick, Mrs. George Donehower, Miss Mary E. Converse, Miss Anna M. Earle, Miss Daniel R. Harper, Mr. Rupert Sargent Holland, Jr., Daniel Mansfield Hoyt, M. J. Bertram Lipplinger, Mrs. Frank Read, Mr. Samuel Scofield, Miss Elizabeth Somers, Mrs. John Spethaw, Jr., and Mrs. Matthew Woods. Prof. C. Wharton Stork and Mr. Rupert Sargent Holland will be the judges of the contest for the medals, and Mrs. John B. Roberts and Miss Anne Hinchman of the story contest.

Among those taking part in the various programs up to the close of 1917 were: Mr. Casimir A. Hankiewicz, Mrs. Otto Charles Broderick, Mrs. William C. Lingelbach, Mrs. Alfred K. Gregory, Mrs. John C. Lee, Miss Pearl Poland, Miss Rose Cohen, Miss Sara Silverman, Miss Sara Cohen, Miss Hattie Bookover, Miss Esther Poland, Miss Esther Cohen, Miss Harriet Blieden, Miss Miriam Raphael, Miss Rose Goodman, Miss Edith Heinick, Miss Louisa Sagal, Miss Minnie Sherman, Miss Esther Bernholz, Miss Elizabeth Carpenter, Mrs. Miriam Lee Earley Lipplinger, Mrs. G. Oran Ring, Miss Agnes Clune Guinan, Miss Jane Campbell, Miss Caryl R. Perot, Dr. John Archibald MacCallum, Mrs. Charles M. Whitcomb, Mrs. Florence Earle Coates and Mr. Frederick Perry Powers.

CLOSE COUNTRY HOUSE TO SPEND WINTER HERE

New Jersey People Leave Summer Homes on River Bank to Open Town Houses

EDGEWATER PARK—Mr. and Mrs. William Coe have closed their country home on Edgewater lane and will spend the winter months at the Long Acre in Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. John Herman Terry and Miss Elizabeth Terry will close their home, the Pinehurst, on Park lane, and go to Philadelphia for the rest of the winter.

Mrs. Helen N. Cresswell and Miss Marion H. Cresswell have returned from a visit over the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pepper Scott, at Bryshole, Delaware, and are now at their home on the Delaware, the Hazelcroft. They will leave for Augusta, Ga., on Wednesday for the rest of the winter.

Mrs. Ellen Brooks Cuthbert and Mrs. Hayward Webb have returned to their home in Altoona, Pa., after spending a fortnight as the guests of Mrs. Mayland Cuthbert on the Delaware.

Miss Ely, of Trenton, and Miss Francis B. Ward, of Germantown, Pa., are being entertained at Spruce Acre, the home of Mr. Philip S. Clarkson, on Cliff lane.

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MRS. JOSEPH R. ROLLINS Two young matrons who became brides instead of debutantes this year on account of the war.

Entertainment Given for Holiday Guest From N. Y.

Miss Juliet Kind, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Kind, of 2345 North Park avenue, has as her guest for the holidays Miss Dorothy Kaufman, of New York.

On Wednesday afternoon Miss Kind entertained in honor of her guest. Among those present were:

Miss Helen Lees, Miss Florence Gimburg, Miss Hortense Gordon, Miss Jeanette Berg, Miss Hortense Hinlein, Miss Edith Sterne, Miss Dorothy Stiefel, Miss Eleanor Myers, Miss Rita White, Miss Ruth Ithronston, Miss Adeline Schenfeld, Miss Beatrice Sterne, Miss Regina Nussbaum, Miss Cecile Fleishman, Miss Estelle Grover, Miss Hannah Hoffman, Miss Caroline Kohn.

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Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lincoln Holmes, of Wayne, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Henrietta McAllister Orblin, to Mr. Henry G. Sobole, of Harriman, Tenn. Miss Orblin is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Allison Orblin, of Huntington, Pa., an da cousin of General James Weaver.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel B. Boorse, of 2321 North Seventeenth street, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Lida Mar Thomas James Clements, of 2343 North Thirteenth street.

Items of news for the society page will be accepted and printed in the Evening Public Ledger provided they are written on an official letter of the sender and are signed with full name and telephone number of the sender, as it must be possible to verify the notes. Address: "Society Editor," Evening Public Ledger, 606 Chestnut street.

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Patriotic Touches Given to Masked Party on Friday

Mr. and Mrs. Henry T. MacNeill, of 321 South Thirteenth street, gave a masked party on Friday night at their home in honor of Miss Cordelia Short, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Short. Miss Short was given a tea recently by her parents at their home, 131 North Twenty-first street.

Many patriotic touches were given to the affair, and even the old-fashioned games were given a modern twist. "Put the American flag in Berlin" is very similar to what used to be called "Donkey," but is played by using a large war map of Europe and small silk American flags, the winner being the player who first puts his flag in Berlin!

The decorations were also patriotic, consisting of red, white and blue ribbons and American flags.

The guest of honor was dressed as the Goddess of Liberty.

Among those present were Miss Louisa Edging, Miss Eleanor Crosby, Miss Anna McFadden, Miss Agnes Hogarty, Miss Katherine Murphy, Miss Gertrude Bachler, Miss Helen O'Neill, Miss Helen Hark, Miss Rita Junker, Miss Teresa Junker, Mr. and Mrs. John Daily, Mr. Robert Fox, Mr. Charles McCleese, Mr. William Laughlin, Mr. Edwin Dreyding, Mr. William Dreyding and Mr. James Doyle.

Demonstration Given by Troop 17 of Girl Scouts

Troop 17 of the Girl Scouts of Philadelphia gave a demonstration on Thursday night at the Benjamin Teller Memorial School. The Senior Patrol gave a demonstration in drilling under the leadership of Scoutmaster Harry Rose. Compositions, which the girls themselves had written, were then read. Scout Elizabeth Hesse spoke on "Why I am a Girl Scout." Scout Jane Vendig on "What Scouting Has Done for Me" and Scout Juliet Kind on "The History of the Troop."

Speeches were made by Mrs. Edith Harper Lovell, Miss Schofhauser and Miss Rebecca Mayer. Scoutmaster Irving Stone, Scoutmaster Harry Rose and Scoutmaster Bloch.

The three first-class scouts then gave a demonstration in the use of the semaphore, Scout Juliet Kind signaling and Scouts Helen Lees and Dorothy Steffel receiving. Money was contributed for a new American flag for the troop.

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MUSICAL AND DANCE

Doctors Give Entertainment to Raise Money Timothy's Hospital and House of Mercy. Service Flag Presented

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Dr. Clarence K. Dengler will preside. His co-workers are Dr. Harry S. Carmany, Dr. Julius Propper, Dr. David Boon, Dr. Thomas Boon, Dr. George Fumell, Dr. Joseph Eichman and Dr. Joseph Schlotter. Miss Dora Cotton is secretary and treasurer of the committee. Miss Hattie Porter, Miss Helen Montgomery, Miss Ella Guilfoyle, Miss Esther Fellows, Miss Helen Snyder, Miss Hilda Smith, Miss Margaret Duff and Miss Laura Birch will have charge of the entertainment and Mrs. Clarence K. Dengler and Mrs. Joseph Schofield will see to the refreshments.

The reception committee includes Miss Montgomery, Miss Hannah Branch, Miss Edith Widdoughly, Miss Smith, Miss Joris Wright, Miss Adelaide Curley, Miss Florence Williams, Miss Jessie Croymann, Miss Mary Gillman, Miss Margaret Jackson, Miss Birch, Miss Lela Ford, Miss Edie Cooper, Miss Guilfoyle, Miss Edith Hendren, Miss Ella Lindenseler, Miss Ruby Reiner, Miss Fellows, Miss Margaret Foster, Miss Millicent Halkey, Miss Elizabeth Campbell and Miss Edith Spencer.

Miss Florence Pinkler, of 557 Hays avenue, Norristown, gave a musicale on Thursday evening at her home to meet Mrs. A. Ernest Dumbley and Mrs. Joseph Wolfe. Miss Ellen Waldeck, soprano, was the soloist.

Mrs. Henry Dahn presented a handsome easel and roll of honor of the men in the service from St. Stephen's Protestant Episcopal Church, Wissahickon, to the church, and also the service flag which drapes the honor roll. At the patriotic service the honor roll was read by Mrs. Dahn.

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The Christmas entertainment of the Roxborough Boys' Friendly Society was given on Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. E. C. Moore, on Ridge avenue. A program of excellent music and recitations was followed by refreshments. Among those taking part were Mr. Walter Donald, Mr. Harold Utley, Mr. Herbert Fitzroy and Mr. Harry Wagner.

The Bethel German Evangelical Lutheran Church, the Rev. H. C. Schneider, pastor, has twenty-eight of its young men in the service of the nation. Each had a

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The church has a flourishing Young Men's Christian Association, with rooms in church building for recreation and business meetings. Mr. Albert Kandra is president, Mr. William Miller vice president, Mr. C. Struupp secretary and Mr. John Teller treasurer.

The comfort and knitting section of the Red Cross Auxiliary of the Red Cross Club at Wissahickon supplied sixty sweaters on one of the ships, sent forty sweaters to Watertown, N. J. and sent down sweaters, including sweaters, socks, mittens and handkerchiefs, and other garments were made by mothers and wives of the service men to whom they were forwarded and others were made by workers not having sons in the service, but for the love of country and humanity, which is the Red Cross service.

Watch night meetings in all churches. Meeting of Church Club, P. E. Church House, Members.

Meeting of South Philadelphia Business Men's Association, Broad and Federal streets, Free.

Germantown Cricket Club dinner-dance, Manheim. Admission charge.

Charles Klein New Year Club dance, Parkway Building. Admission charge.